

he returned stateside in 1968. In other words, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ceresko flew more than one mission per day while in Vietnam. For his service, he was honored with numerous awards and decorations including 19 Air Medals, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Four Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation and the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1970 in the rank of Captain.

Mr. Ceresko joined the State of Colorado Division of Veterans' Affairs in 1980, and became the director of the Division in 1987. In this capacity, he served no fewer than 410,000 veterans every year. I became acquainted with Mr. Ceresko as the State of Colorado began planning a new, 180-bed extended care facility for veterans to be located at the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. This is an incredibly important project, since Fitzsimons promises to become one of the world's preeminent medical campuses in the years to come. He was the first veteran to make me aware that then-President Clinton's Budget proposals were not sufficient to pay the federal share of constructing this new veterans' nursing home. I asked him to crunch the numbers, and we determined that in order to save the facility, I needed to fight for extra funding on the floor of the House of Representatives in the form of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations bill. The amendment was successful, two years in a row, diverting more than \$37 million towards state veterans' nursing homes nationwide. Since that time, I've considered Mr. Ceresko one of my best resources as I weigh the many proposals that affect veterans in Congress.

I know that Dick Ceresko will be missed by his peers and his fellow veterans, but I'm sure his retirement will be welcomed by his wife, Martha, and their four children. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the veterans of my district, I want to thank Dick for his service and wish him much happiness, fishing and fulfillment in his retirement.

DANISH SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES IN WAKE OF TERRORISTS ATTACKS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy one month ago today on September 11 has not only created a new unity within our nation, but throughout the rest of the world and the strong political support and spontaneous public displays of compassion have touched all of us. The American people's spirits have been lifted as they've witnessed the outpouring of support and testaments of solidarity with the American people expressed by the world community. They understand that these horrific attacks were not merely aimed at the American people and our symbols of freedom and prosperity, but they were attacks against all free and democratic nations around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, while we have seen such expressions of support for our country from Nations everywhere, as Chairman of the Congressional Friends of Denmark, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to what our

Danish friends have done. The well-known Danish humanitarian spirit was in no better evidence than after the terrible attacks on New York City and Washington. As word of the tragedy arrived in the Danish capital of Copenhagen, a slow, steady stream of Danish citizens began congregating in front of our Embassy. As hundreds grasped candles, they laid on the sidewalk tokens of their sorrow and solidarity: flowers, ribbons, hastily scribbled notes, banners, drawings, and flags. People came and left throughout the night and soon thousands of candles flickered in the darkness. United States Embassy staff were greeted with handshakes, hugs and many tears as they left the building. Some Danes joined hands and sang Amazing Grace as well as traditional Danish songs of mourning.

The next morning, there was still no let up in the number of people and flowers. For the next three days, much of it in rain and cold, thousands of Danes took their turn holding vigil in front of our Embassy in as much a deep felt display of caring for the victims, as their own silent protest against the new threat to the liberty and freedom of all of us.

Mr. Speaker, by Friday, well over a thousand people, far more than could be accommodated in the small courtyard on the Embassy compound, assembled in front of our Embassy for a ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the attacks. The event was watched on live television by much of the nation. At noon, traffic in Copenhagen literally stopped for two minutes, as average citizens stepped out of their cars, from Kongens Nytorv to Radhuspladsen, and on streets from Amager to Charlottelund, they stopped everything for two minutes of silence. No honking of horns, no rumble of buses, no sounds of airplanes, no sirens, just the ringing of thousands of church bells.

Earlier, Queen Margrethe II, the Prime Minister and all members of government, leading opposition politicians, the diplomatic corps, joined our Embassy staff at one of hundreds of memorial services. At the same time, throughout the whole country people were pouring into places of worship to express their grief.

Even today, Danish fire fighters, police officers and public servants along with numerous private organizations, amateur sports clubs and schools have started collections intended for the Red Cross and/or the victims' families. An Internet web-site was opened September 13 for sympathizers to light a candle for the victims of the terrorist attacks, and within a few hours, more than 5,000 had done so. Other web-sites offered similar services—thousands of electronic roses have thus been sent across the Atlantic.

Mr. Speaker, the Danish population stands shoulder to shoulder with their American friends against this scourge of terrorism. A recent Gallup poll shows that eighty percent of the Danes—under normal circumstances pacifists by heart—are willing to let their national troops participate in military actions against the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks. That percentage is the highest registered in all public polls in Europe.

Mr. Speaker, the Danish members of the Royal family, along with Danish politicians and government officials and the country's citizens have reacted forcefully and with great empathy to the horrible attacks on September 11. Their actions, and similar expressions of sup-

port and compassion from around the globe, have not gone unnoticed here in America. We are deeply grateful to the Danes for standing with us in our time of trouble, just as we stood with them during their own painful experience under Nazism. On behalf of all Americans, we thank you.

TRIBUTE TO REV. PORTER S. BROWN, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues a friend and constituent of the Sixth District of New Jersey celebrating twenty years of pastoral service to the Baptist church.

Born the youngest son of the late Johnnie and Flora Brown, Porter Brown entered this world on December 6, 1947. He grew up in Atlantic City and became heavily active in the church early on.

As a child he was involved in the Junior Ushers, Church School, Youth Choir, and Baptist Training. He graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1965 and enrolled in Lincoln University in September 1966 to study literature. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Literature in English in May 1970.

He took on a variety of educational teaching offers after college from teaching at River Middle School in Red Bank to becoming the program director of the Red Bank Community Center. In 1978, Mr. Brown transferred and began teaching at Asbury Park High School, where he taught for twenty years before retiring in June of 2000.

In 1973, Mr. Brown joined the Faith Baptist Tabernacle. During this time, he served as the chairman of the Shore Community Day Care Center Building Committee and also as a church school teacher. He was ordained as an assistant to the pastor in January 1980 and preached at churches throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and continued to teach bible studies through the Monmouth Bible Institute.

In September 1981, Mr. Brown received the great honor of becoming the 4th Pastor of the Faith Baptist Tabernacle church. Pastor Brown has served the people of his community and has continued to see his church grow larger and larger with each passing year during his tenure. He is being honored on this day for his loyalty to his church, community, the educational system and the family.

He has been blessed with a wife, Elder, two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. On this day we celebrate the life and journey of a man that has given so much back to what his community, church, and life has given him.

IN HONOR OF FATHER THOMAS MARTIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Thomas Martin, who